Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - December 2020

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month. 6:30pm at St Johns Hall. 72 Napier Street, Tamworth.

Next meeting : Tue 9th Feb 2021. 6:30pm.

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Tamworth 4wd Club

Editors Blurb

G'day everyone. Welp! Not too much to report on.

Unfortunately our December meeting with Free Food /Free BBQ to entice new members from the general public to come along was a bit of a disappointment. We certainly can't say that we haven't tried.
Happy Christmas to everyone—which now feels like it was a month ago. We are already over halfway through January already!!

Ten Pin Bowling was a blast.

New Years Eve trip at Ponda Rosa was nice, but continuued non-stop 24/7 drizzle for three days was starting to get to some of us by the third day. However, respect to Rick who managed to keep the fire going.

Will see you at 'The Farm' for Aus weekend.
Just take the Monday off and go!!

/Dave

Tamworth 4wd Club

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8th December 2020.—Meeting Minutes.

Meeting opened : 6:29pm.
Location: Anzac Park. Birds were singing. Kids were playing.

Apologies : Jodie, Leanne.

Last Meeting Minutes true and correct. Dave & Paul confirmed.

Correspondence In:
- Port Macquarie Newsletter.

Correspondence Out:
- Newsletter to members.
- Newsletter to Sponsors.
- Newsletter to Port Macquaire, Dubbo, Coffs Harbour and Grafton District 4wd Clubs.

Financials :
Unavailable.

Business arising :
- Paul & Rick, approve receipt for ten pin bowling deposit. BBQ Food.
- Ten Pin has been booked & Deposit Paid.

General Business :
Graeme advised in an email message : wanted to bring to attention that Grant Sweetman was not ever nominated as a Lifetime Member. Grant is to always receive newsletters, but, to be removed from Lifetime member listing.
Grant has not been contacted for comment - happy for any feedback should Grant read this.

Trips:
- Ponda Rosa 29/Dec to 1/Jan. New years eve.
- Australia Day @ 'The Farm'. Anytime between: 22/Jan to 26/Jan.
- Coolah Tops : Easter trip.

Meeting Closed
Meeting Closed shortly after. Time not recorded.

BBQ Food and easting immediately commenced.

TRIPS

New Years Eve. Ponda Rosa at Hanging Rock.
All welcomed to join in the New Year

Australia Day long weekend at The Farm. ~20k up Forbes River road from off Oxley Hwy. Intersection is west of Long Flat.

Exploring Werrikimbe National Park, fun and games, drinking and sitting in the river.

Coolah Tops—Easter 2021. Five waterfalls to explore (if it rains). Same number of camping locations. Two brilliant lookouts over looking the Liverpool Plains. Two bush huts to drive to and explore. Land of the giant grass trees.

ANZAC weekend at Pub with no Beer, at Taylors Arm.

Photos from the Ten Pin Bowling Christmas Party.

Club members rocked on up to Ten Pin in anticipation for a big afternoon of Bowling their hearts out. Scores weren't really recorded, but am pretty sure from the pic of Clint holding the car wash, he was the out right winner—smashing down them white things at the far end of the alley. Food was also put on and, really , was a great arvo outing.

December BBQ meeting in Anzac Park.

<u>Ponda Rosa—New Years Eve 2020-2021 trip</u>

We were a bit late getting to Ponda; a day after Rick and Katrina had set up. However, upon arrival it was nice and sunny. Within a few hours though, the drizzle had started, and had set it for the next three days.
There was a bit of a crowd camping at Ponda.
Rick managed to successfully keep the fire going all through the drizzle rain.
On the Thursday (31st) we decided to hit Nundle Pub for lunch. By the time we had gotten to the T-intersection, the drizzle and clouds had disappeared, and it was quite warm (veering on being hot) down in Nundle. After a huge crowd wait line for our lunches to arrive, and after demolishing them, everyone drove back to camp—where, it was still drizzling and cold. Later in the afternoon, Adrian, and new member Mark arrived and set up their camps.
Mid morning on the new year, we decided to pack up and head towards home. Again, by the time we hit the T-intersection of Forest Way and Hanging Rock Road, there was no sign of cloud or drizzle. And heading back down the mountain the temperatures rose quite steadily. (Pun intended for those driving Nissan kettles.) Hard to fathom sometimes that the weather and climate can be so utterly different within ten kilometers.
Didn't really do anything, but it was nice and pleasant just to get away for a few days relaxing.

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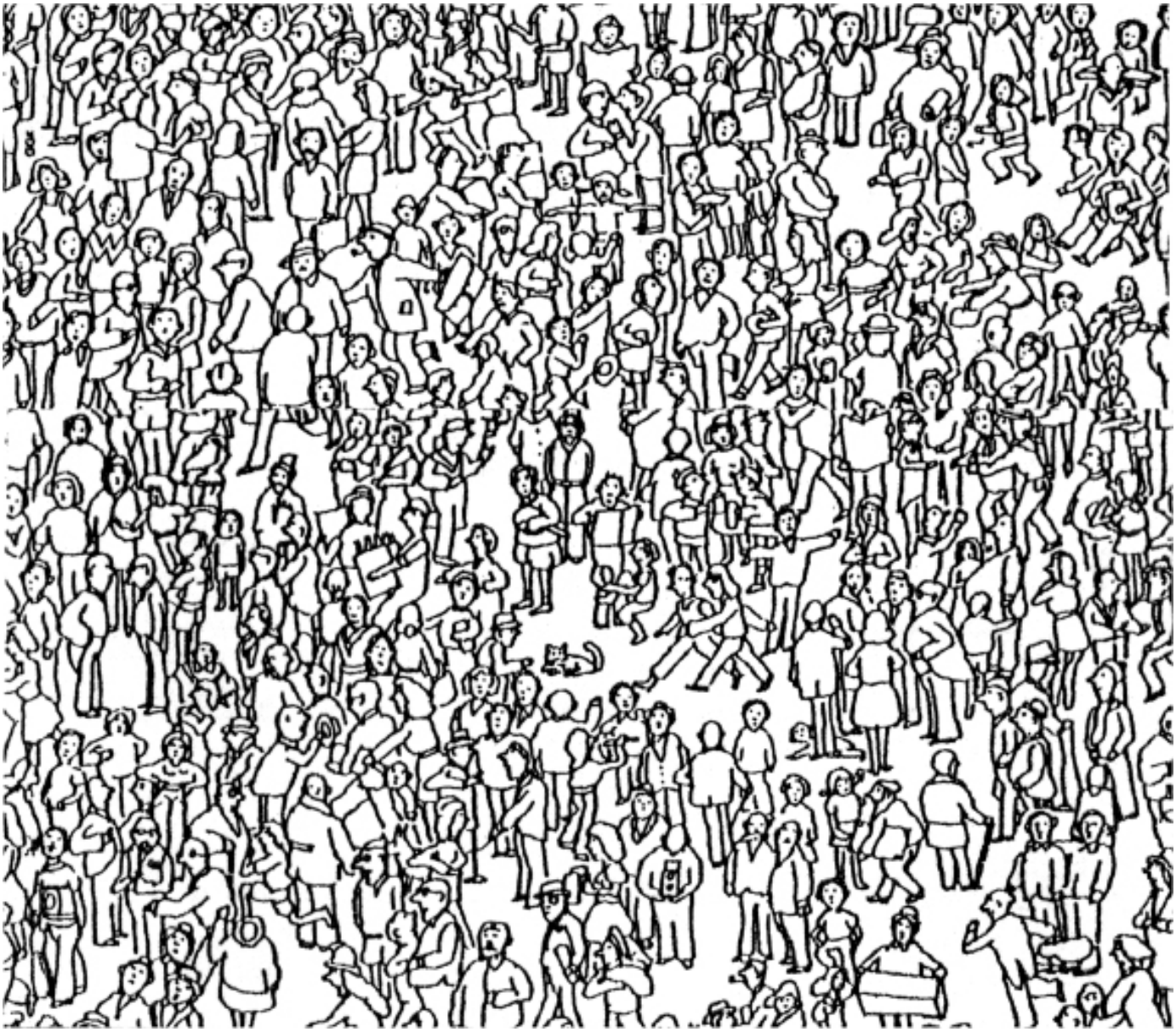

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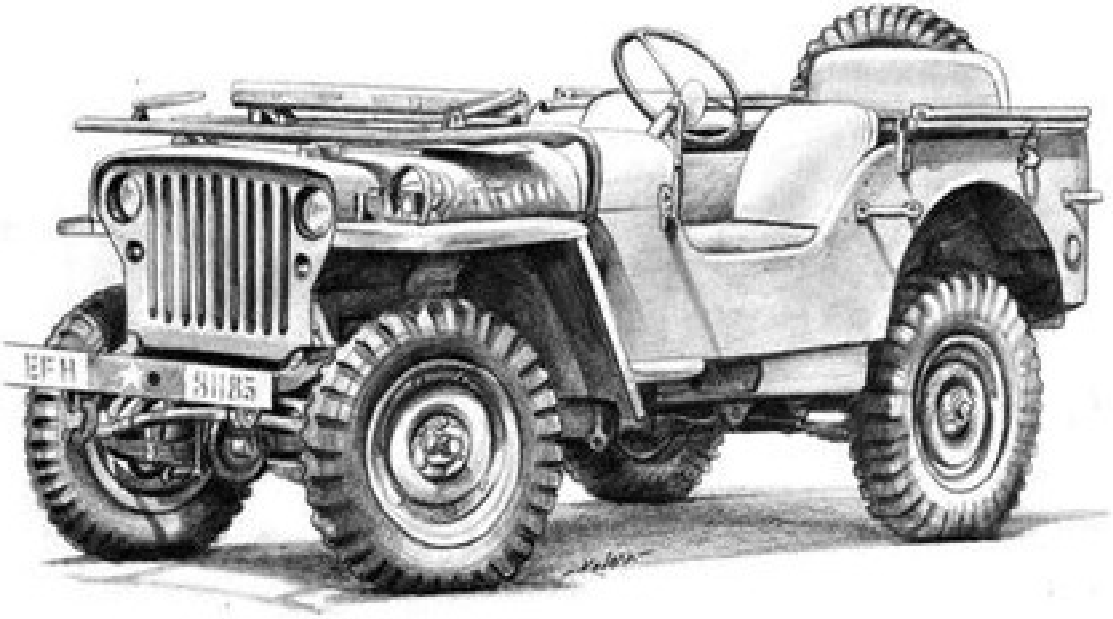

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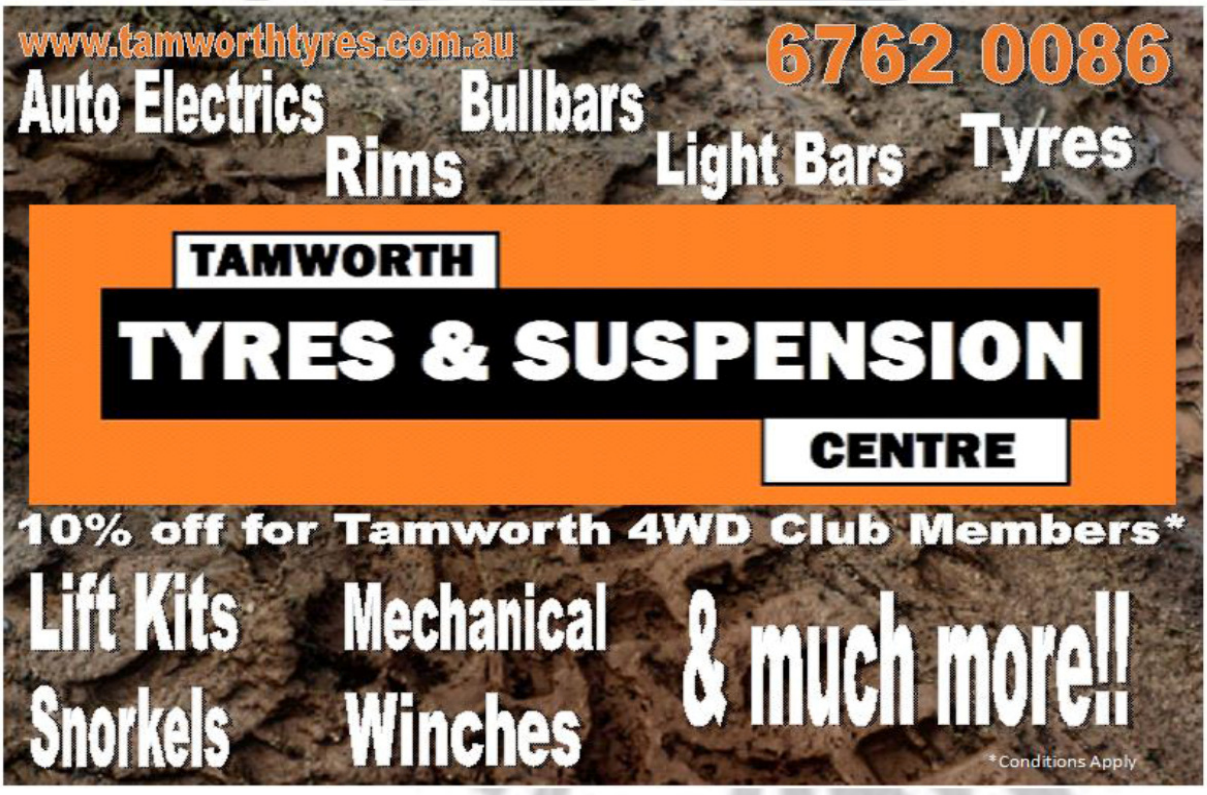

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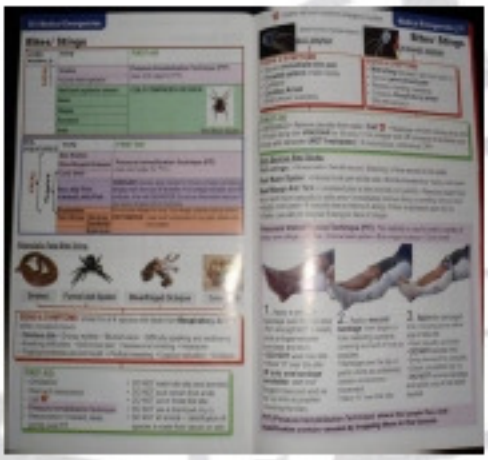
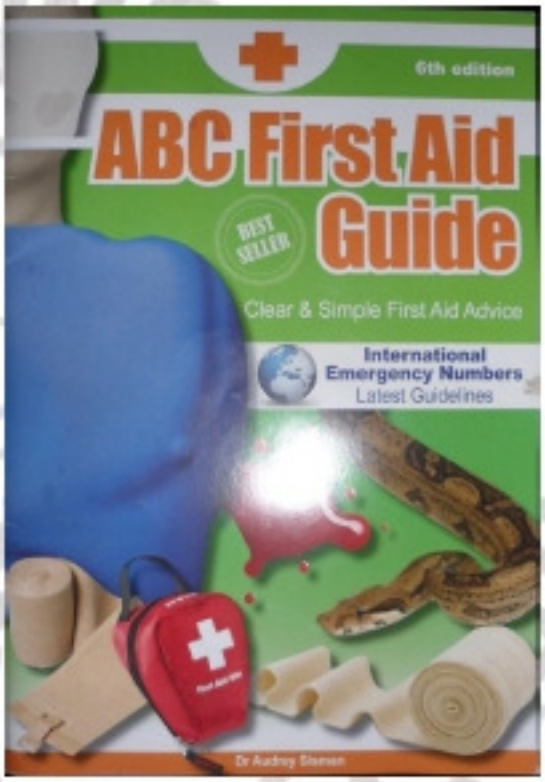
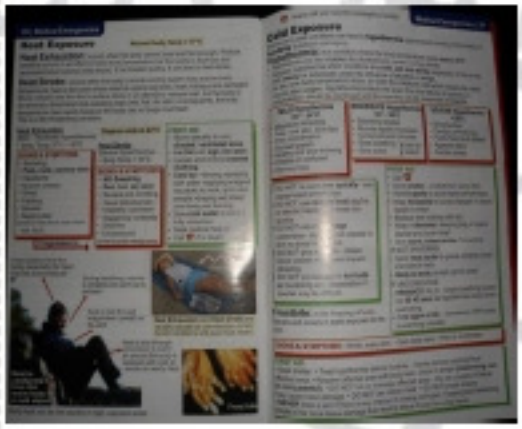
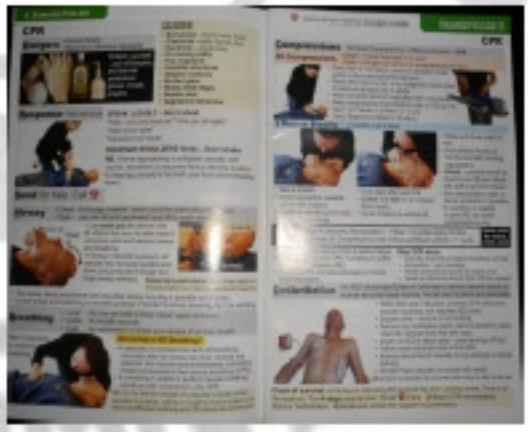








HISTORY OF THE TAMWORTH 4WD CLUB

Tamworth Recreational 4WD Club was formed in 1976 by local Four Wheel Drive owners. It is a family orientated club and caters for family participation in recreational four wheel drive touring and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction.Club trips can be one day or weekend drives into the state forests and national parks of the local area. Trips of longer duration to various parts of Australia (eg Simpson Desert, Fraser Island, Cape York, Kakadu just for ideas) are planned annually and in advanced. The choice of trip you take is entirely yours, from easy scenic trips to beautiful areas of near inaccessible terrain.Other clubs activities include social outings, bush camping, bush walking, fishing, driver training days, Xmas in July, demonstrations and inter club activities.

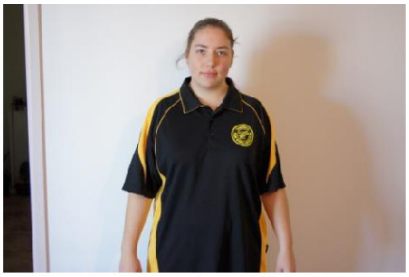
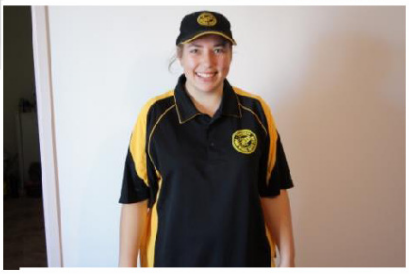
THE CLUB'S OBJECTIVES

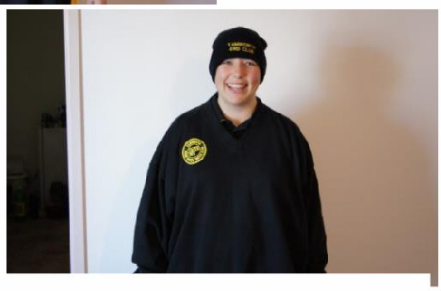
- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



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- $27 - Polo Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $40 - Hoodies
- $15 - Caps
- $15 Beanies

Kids

- $22 - Polo Shirts
- $17 - T-Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

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If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.

TRIVIA

Here are some trivia questions to test your general knowledge. Answers in next month's newsletter

1) Which horse won the first Melbourne Cup?
2) What year was the first Melbourne Cup run?
3) Who was Australia's first Prime Minister?
4) What is an axolotl?
5) What is Australia's longest river?
6) How did Rover Park get it's name?
7) In what year did man first land on the moon?
8) What is the collective term for a group of kangaroos?
9) Which current Australian Women's magazine was first published in 1902?
10)What species of Alligators are found in the area of the three Alligator Rivers in NT?

Good luck.

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